

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-915  
ADDRESS: 230 Potomac Street, Boonsboro, MD  
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Old School Fabrics  
BUILDING DATE: mid 19th century? pre-1877 and 1910-1924

230 Potomac Street is a north-facing, U-shaped, two-and-a-half-story on a raised basement, three-bay, brick, freestanding, educational structure. The building, which is set back from the public-right-of-way, rests on a stone foundation and is constructed of an orange/red brick laid in a common bond. The massiveness of the structure is softened by the restrained flemish-style parapet walls with stone finials and the corbelled brick cornice. The cross-gable roofs are covered with slate in some places and tin in others. There are several brick chimneys. The entry is located in the center bay and is composed of a set of double doors that have large glazed panels. The doors are topped by a single, round-arched transom whose panes have been painted over. Fenestration throughout the building consists of tall, segmentally arched double-hung nine-over-nine windows. The plan of the building appears to be a center-hall one with a single classroom to either side on each floor. This plan might be repeated in the back section of the building which is turned to a 90-degree angle to the front portion. (The building interior was not accessible during the on-site survey--the interior description is conjectural and is based on the exterior appearance.)

The school building is indicated on the 1877 map of the town as Public School No. 7. At that time, it was T-shaped. According to the Sanborn maps, sometime between 1910 and 1924, the two front bays were added. During that time, the building was heated by stoves, but had no lights. By 1940, according to the Sanborn map

of that date, the building was no longer used as a school and served as a warehouse.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Education; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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